

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A paper feeder for use in image forming apparatus is provided, which includes separating rubber member and sheet feeding roller both disposed at a location corresponding to a widthwise central portion of a recording sheet, and which is operative to feed the recording sheet by rotation of the sheet feeding roller and bring the leading edge of the recording into contact with a skew correction roller in a rotation-halted state to correct possible skew of the recording sheet before image formation, the paper feeder being provided with buckling preventive mechanism extending over opposite sides of the separating rubber member for preventing the recording sheet from being deflected during feeding of the recording sheet by the sheet feeding roller.